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February 14. 1853

Shutack Morris appointed and Commissioned
Commissioner to Superintend the erection of a Penitentiary
in the room and stead of Calhoun Ford who failed
to accept and qualify

February 23. 1853

George Gibbs of Clatsop County

Asa Steele of Clackamas "

Benjamin Stark of Washington "

James Strawbridge of Jackson "

Commissioned Notaries Public in & for these sev-
eral Counties.

March 30. 1853

Quincy A. Brooks of Houston County Commission-
ed Notary Public in & for said County.

Elijah Williams of Marion County Commissioned
Notary Public in & for said County

April 13. 1853

J. M. D. Huntington appointed & Commissioned
Notary Public in & for the County of Wapqua.

Joseph Lane, appointed Governor of the Territory of Oregon, by Franklin Pierce, President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, arrived at Salem, the seat of government of said Territory, on the 16th day of May A.D. 1853.

— May 16th 1853.

Official oath of Joseph Lane, Governor of the Territory of Oregon, according to certificate this day received and filed.

Territory of Oregon }
Manion County } 3d.

I, Joseph Lane do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Governor of the Territory of Oregon.

(Signed) Joseph Lane.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
Samuel Parker, a Justice of the Peace of
said County of Manion this 16th day of
May A.D. 1853.

(Signed) Samuel Parker Justice of the Peace &c

Official oath of Geo. L. Curry, Secretary of the Territory of Oregon, according to certificate this day received and filed.

I, Geo. L. Curry do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and faithfully discharge the duties of Secretary of the Territory of Oregon, so help me God.

(Signed)

Geo. L. Curry.

Oregon Territory,
Clackamas County } 3d.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th
day of May, A.D. 1853.

(Signed) Joseph H. Prescott

(Justice of the Peace for said County)

Official oath of B. F. Harding, United States District Attorney according to certificate received and filed by C. Hamilton, former Secretary of the Territory, on the 16th day of May 1853.

Territory of Oregon,
Manion County } 3d.

I, Benjamin F. Harding, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Attorney of the United States in and for the District of Oregon.

(Signed)

Benj. F. Harding.

Sworn to and subscribed before me a Justice of the

Place in and for said County of Marion, at Salem
in said County, this 8th day of May, A.D. 1853. (Signed) Samuel Parker S.P.

May 17th, 1853.

Communication received and filed from Board of Commissioners for
construction of Penitentiary, directing a requisition to be made for the
fund appropriated by Congress for said purpose.

Requisition made on Treasury of the United States for the
money appropriated by act of Congress for the construction of Peniten-
tiary.

May 18th, 1853.

Resignation received and filed of J. W. Nesmith, University
Land Commissioner.

May 19th 1853.

The office of Governor having this day become vacant
by the resignation of his Excellency Joseph Lane, the President
Geo. L. Curry, assumed the duties of Governor according
to law.

May 20th, 1853.

Information received and filed of the resignation of
Joseph M. Garrison, Councilman for Marion County.

Writ of Election issued to Sheriff of said County con-
cerning said vacancy.

Resignation of Benjamin S. Harding, "Commissioner on
Cayuse War Claims", received and filed.

May 21st, 1853.

Chester N. Terry, appointed and commissioned, Commissioner
on Cayuse War claims.

May 23rd, 1853.

Information received and filed of the resignation of A. L.
Swartz, Member of the Council for Blueham's County.

Writ of Election issued to Sheriff of said County concerning
said vacancy.

June 4th 1853.

Official oath of M. P. Seady, Associate Justice, according
to certificate this day received and filed.

Territory of Oregon
Yamhill County 3^d D.

I, M. P. Deady do solemnly swear in the presence of Almighty God to support the Constitution of the United States and to faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Oregon Territory.

- signed - M. P. Deady.

To the Secretary of
Oregon Territory 3^d

I, Stephen Shortess, Justice of the Peace for the county of Yamhill in the Territory aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing oath of office was by me duly administered to the said M. P. Deady and by him subscribed on this first day of June A.D. 1853.

Witness my hand
(Signed) Stephen Shortess
Justice of the Peace, Yamhill Co.

Official oath of Cyrus Olney, Associate Justice, according to certificate this day received and filed:

Territory of Oregon
County of Marion 3^d D.

I, Samuel Parker, a Justice of the Peace of said County, certify that on the 4th day of June 1853 Cyrus Olney made solemn oath before me that he will support the Constitution of the United States and will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Associate Justice of said Territory.

Given under my hand the day and year above written

(Signed) Samuel Parker, Justice of the Peace

June 18th, 1853.

Official oath of James W. Nesmith, Marshal, according to certificate this day received and filed:

Territory of Oregon
Marion County 3^d D.

I, Cyrus Olney, Associate Justice of said Territory certify that on this 16th day of June A.D. 1853 James W. Nesmith made oath before me that he will support the Constitution of the United States and will faithfully discharge the duties of Marshal of said Territory.

Given under my hand the day and year above written

(Signed)

Cyrus Olney
Judge.

June 30th 1833.
Official oath of Geo H. Williams, Chief Justice according
to certificate this day received and filed.
Territory of Oregon
Marion County 3d.

I, George H. Williams do solemnly
swear that I will support the Constitution of the United
States and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Oregon Territory.

(Signed) J. Geo. H. Williams,
Oregon Territory, 3d.

I, Geo. L. Curry, Secretary of the
Territory of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing oath
of office was by me duly administered to the said George
H. Williams, and by him subscribed, on this 30th day of
June A.D. 1833.

Geo. L. Curry
Secretary of the Territory of Oregon

July 1st. 1833.
Stephen F. Chadwick appointed and commissioned
Notary Public in and for the County of Clatsop.

July 6th 1833.
The returns of the election held on the 6th ultimo for Delegates
to Congress and Prosecuting Attorneys were this day opened
and the votes canvassed according to law.

Whereupon it appeared that
Joseph Lane had 4516 votes for Delegate to Congress
A. S. Skinner " 2951 " " " " "
Scattering 1

Columbus Sims had 593 votes for Pres. Atty First Judicial District
S. F. Chadwick " 547 " " " " " "
J. B. Brennan " 513 " " " " " "
W. G. P. Vail " 133 " " " " " "
Scattering 1

Reuben P. Price " 2315 " " " " " " " " " "
Amory Holbrook " 1136 " " " " " " " " "

Alexander Campbell " 610 " " " " " " " " "
E. Hamilton " 630 " " " " " " " " "

July 7th, 1853.

By the Acting Governor of the Territory of Oregon,
A Proclamation,

Whereas it is provided by law that the Executive of the Territory of Oregon shall proclaim the result of the election of Delegates to Congress, and it appearing upon the canvass of the votes given for that office, at the election held in the said Territory on the 6th instant, that Joseph Lane received the highest number,

Be it therefore declared and proclaimed that Joseph Lane is elected the Delegate of the people of the Territory of Oregon to the Thirty third Congress of the United States.

Given under my hand, at Salem, the Capital of said Territory, this 7th day of July, A.D. 1853.

Geo. L. Curry.

Certificate of election issued to Reuben P. Porter, Prosecuting Attorney for Second Judicial District.

July 8th, 1853.

Certificate of election issued to Columbus Sims Prosecuting Attorney for First Judicial District.

Certificate of election issued to Alexander Campbell Prosecuting Attorney for Third Judicial District.

July 13th, 1853.

Adison R. Flint appointed and commissioned a Notary Public in and for Douglas County.

July 26th, 1853.

A certain Miriam Coerman having been convicted before the District Court for the County of Polk, at the Spring Term A.D. 1852, of being accessory after the fact to the murder of Cyrus W. Strover, and sentenced therefor to three years hard labor in the Penitentiary, and the said Miriam Coerman having been recommended as a fit subject for Executive Clemency in several petitions, numerous signed by the good people of the said County of Polk - Therefore, in consideration of the premises, and divers other good and sufficient reasons moving the Executive

thereunto - the said Miriam Gorman is this day pardoned the crime of which he was convicted and the residue of his punishment remitted.

- August 9th, 1833.

William Purvine, appointed and commissioned a Notary Public in and for the County of Yamhill.

August 22^d, 1833.

By the Acting Governor of the Territory of Oregon.

A Proclamation.

Whereas the Indians of the Rogue river valley are in a state of hostility towards the settlers of that section of our Territory, killing them and destroying their property, and a requisition having been made by our fellow citizens there for arms and ammunition to repel those hostilities, and it being essential that a sufficient escort should guard these munitions of war through the Indian country; to this end I therefore issue this my Proclamation calling for fifty volunteers - to rendezvous at Salem, on the 24th inst. - to elect their own officers - each volunteer to furnish his own horse, equipments, arms, and ammunition.

Given under my hand at Salem, the Capital of said Territory, this 22^d day of August, A.D. 1833.

Geo. M. Curry
Acting Gov. of Oregon.

August 25th, 1833.

Joseph Lane, appointed and commissioned Brigadier General of the forces in Rogue river valley, engaged in repelling the attacks of hostile Indians.

Commissions issued to S. W. Smith, Captain, S. F. Grover, Wm R. Beale, J. M. Crooks, lieutenants, and Dr. J. G. McCurdy, surgeon, of the Company of volunteers called into service by proclamation for the purpose of escorting certain munitions of war, through the Indian country, to the forces in Rogue river valley, engaged in hostilities with the Indians.

September 30th, 1833.

Edward Theil appointed and commissioned Notary public in and for the County of Jackson.

November 1st, 1853.

J. M. Smith, appointed and commissioned Notary Public in and for (Port Orford) Jackson County.

November 2^d, 1853.

Certificate of official oath of C. B. McFadden Associate Justice this day received and filed.

Territory of Oregon H.

I Cyrus Olney, Associate Justice of said Territory certify that on the 23^d day of October, 1853, Obediah B. McFadden, took the oath prescribed by law before me, that he will support the Constitution of the United States and will faithfully discharge the duties of Associate Justice of said Territory. Given under my hand the day and year above written.

(Signed) Cyrus Olney, Justice.

Chester K. Terry appointed and commissioned Notary Public in and for the County of Marion.

December 2^d 1853.

John W. Davis, appointed Governor of the Territory of Oregon, by Franklin Pierce, President of the United States, this day reached Salem, the seat of Government, having arrived within the Territory on the 25th ult.

Official oath of John W. Davis this day received and filed:

United States of America,
Eastern District of Pennsylvania 3rd H. Be it remembered that on this 5th day of October A.D. 1853, personally appeared before me, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, John W. Davis, who has been appointed by the President of the United States, Governor of the Territory of Oregon, who upon his solemn oath, doth declare and say that he will support the Constitution of the United States and faithfully discharge the duties of the said office of Governor of the Territory of Oregon.

(Signed) A. C. Grier.

December 8th, 1853.

A communication transmitted to the Legislative Assembly in reply to a Joint Resolution.

Executive Office
Salem, Oregon Territory,
Dec. 8th, 1833.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives,

Sir,

I have the honor to be in the receipt of the communication written by your direction and signed by John McEnamien Esq. Clerk of the House of Representatives inclosing the following Joint Resolution: "Resolved by the House, the Council concurring, that His Excellency the Governor be informed that the Legislative Assembly is now organized."

And in reply permit me to say, that it will afford me much pleasure to communicate such information from time to time, as may be found in the archives of this office, and called for by the Legislative Assembly, or either branch thereof.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Serv't,
(Signed) John W. Davis,
Governor of Oregon.

January 4th, 1834

A communication transmitted to the House of Representatives
Executive Office,
Salem, O.T. Jan 4th, 1834.

Wm L. C. Bishop

Speaker House of Representatives

Sir,

In obedience to a resolution adopted by the House of Representatives on the 31st inst. relating to the condition of the fund appropriated by Congress for the erection of a Penitentiary in this Territory, I have the honor to submit the enclosed report.

I have also the honor to report, the state of the fund appropriated by Congress for the erection of suitable public buildings at the Seat of Government, in obedience to the 3rd Section of the Territorial law upon that subject, passed 22d of January, 1833.

I am very Respectfully Your Obedient Serv't
John W. Davis.

Executive Office
Salem, O.T. Jan 4th, 1834.

To the Speaker of House of Representatives,

Sir,

In obedience to a resolution passed by the House of Rep's on the 31st inst, asking the provisions with

a statement of the condition of the fund appropriated by Congress for the erection of a Penitentiary in this Territory; I have the honor to report as follows:

Amount received from Treasury of U.S. \$20,000.00
 From which sum the following drafts have been paid:
 1833. Nov 28th, Amount of draft paid to William M. King, President of the Board of Commissioners, per order of the Board, - - - \$5,000.00
 Dec 22nd, Amount of draft paid to Wm. M. King, President of the Board of Commissioners, per order of the Board, - - - \$600.00 \$5,600.00
 Balance remaining in my hands - - - \$14,400.00

Respectfully Submitted

Geo. W. Davis.

Executive Office,
 Salem, O., Jan 4th, 1834

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
 Sir,

In obedience to the direction of an act entitled, an "Act to amend an act to provide for the selection of places for location and erection of the public buildings of the Territory of Oregon", passed Jan. 22d 1833, I have the honor to submit a report of the state of the fund appropriated by Congress for the erection of suitable public buildings at the Seat of Government of the Territory, viz.

Amount received of the Treasurer of the United States - \$20,000.00
 Amount of drafts paid on the order of E. M. Barnum President of the Board of Commissioners

Date of draft	Drawn in favor of	Amount
1833. June 1	Charles Bennett	\$1,000.00
" " "	" "	1,000.00
" " "	" "	1,000.00
" " "	" "	1,000.00
" " "	" "	1,000.00
" July 28th	" "	1,000.00
" " "	" "	450.00
" " "	" "	400.00
" " "	" "	250.00
" " "	" "	652.00
" " "	" "	1161.87
" Dec. 13	Alois Kinsey	70.00
" " 14	A. M. Ferguson	250.00
" " "	" "	100.00
" " "	" "	140.00
" " "	E. M. Barnum	305.00
" " 15	Wiley Chapman	30.00
" " 27	A. Bush	66.00

Balance in my hands

Respectfully Submitted

\$19,872.87
 \$10,125.13

Geo. W. Davis

Executive Office,
Salem, Oregon Territory
February 1st, 1834.

Hon. Simon Boyd,
Speaker of House of Representatives,
Sir,

In obedience to the direction
of an act for the construction of certain roads in the Territory of
Oregon, and for other purposes; Approved, July 18th, 1830, I have the
honor to submit, herewith, a detailed statement of the expenditure of
money appropriated by Congress for the use and benefit of this
Territory, which is being expended under the supervision of the
Governor and Assembly;

Amount received of Treasury of the U.S. for the erection of a Penitentiary under act of Congress, approved June 11 th , 1830 —	\$20,000
From which amount the following sum has been paid —	5 600
Unexpended balance —	\$14,400

Amount received from Treasury of the U.S. for the erection of public buildings under act of Congress, approved June 11 th , 1830 —	\$20,000
From which amount the following sum has been paid by order of the Board of Building Commissioners —	9,874.89
Balance in my hands —	\$10,125.11

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) John W. Davis.

February 9th, 1834.

James H. Slater, appointed and commissioned Notary Public
in and for Benton County.

April 1st 1834.

Intelligence having been received that the Senate of the United States
had confirmed the appointment of His Excellency John W. Davis as Gov-
ernor of Oregon, and he being commissioned in accordance therewith
this day took and subscribed the following oath.

Territory of Oregon,

County of Marion.

I, John W. Davis do solemnly swear that
I will support the constitution of the United States and will faithfully
discharge the duties of the office of Governor of the Territory of Oregon.

Subscribed and sworn to

(Signed) John W. Davis.

before me this 1st day of April, 1834

(Signed) Geo. H. Williams

Chief Justice Oregon Territory

April 12th, 1834.

M. M. McCarver, appointed and commissioned Commissary General

April 14th, 1834.

Adam Van Dusen appointed and commissioned Notary Public in and for the County of Clatsop.

April 15th, 1834.

A requisition issued upon the Governor of California for the apprehension of a certain Milton Brown, a fugitive from Justice.

April 17th, 1834.

C. S. Drew, appointed and commissioned Quartermaster General.

April 18th, 1834.

E. M. Barnum, appointed and commissioned Adjutant General.

May 2d, 1834.

John S. McHenry appointed and commissioned a member of the "Board of Commissioners for the Construction of Territorial University."

Addison R. Flint appointed and commissioned Notary Public in and for Douglas County.

The following named persons appointed and commissioned to act as "Commissioners" to take acknowledgment of deeds, etc. for the Territory of Oregon, within the respective States and Territories named.

John W. Frisk	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
James Todd	do	do
George I. Angell	Boston	Massachusetts
Edwin F. Corey	New York	New York
Joseph B. Niles	do	do
Jm. C. McBean	Terre Haute	Indiana
W. W. Belknap	Kosciusko	Iowa
F. A. Karalson	New Orleans	Louisiana
Henry R. Corbie	Vancouver	Washington Territory
Henry C. Moseley	Steilacoom	do do
Leonard Warbough	Washington City	District Columbia

May 9th, 1834.

J. W. Nesmith, appointed and commissioned Brigadier General.

April 26th, 1834.

Official oath of Matthew P. Seady according to certificate this day received and filed.

Territory of Oregon

Umpqua County 3d. I, Matthew P. Seady solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Oregon Territory.

Dated April 15th, 1834.

(Signed)

Matthew P. Seady.

I hereby certify that on the day and year above written the foregoing declaration was sworn to and subscribed before me.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name this 15th day of April, 1834.

(Signed)

J. S. Cheadwick

Justice of the Peace for the County of Wapago, D. C.

May 14th, 1834.

Whereas at a term of the District Court in and for Benton County, begun on the 8th day of May 1834, one Minrod O. Kelly was sentenced to be hung for the crime of murder, and the said Minrod O. Kelly having been recommended as a fit subject for executive clemency by numerous petitioners: Therefore in consideration of the premises and divers other good and sufficient reasons moving the Executive, the sentence of the said Minrod O. Kelly is commuted to imprisonment at hard labor in the Penitentiary for the period of two years from this date.

May 15th, 1834.

A requisition issued upon the Governor of California for the apprehension of Columbus Sims a fugitive from justice.

May 16th, 1834.

James B. Goff appointed and Commissioned Commissioner of Deeds &c. for Oregon, within the State of Missouri.

May 17th, 1834.

John H. Caldwell appointed and Commissioned Commissioner of Deeds &c. etc. for the State of Ohio.

Henry R. Whiton appointed and Commissioned Commissioner of Deeds &c. etc. for the State of Wisconsin.

June 21st, 1834.

H. Van Dusen appointed and Commissioned Notary Public in and for the County of Belknap.

Anthony B. Davis appointed and Commissioned Notary Public in and for the County of Washington.

June 15th, 1834.

J. S. Drakerson appointed a Commissioner for the Construction of Penitentiary in place of W. S. Sudd resigned.

June 21st, 1834.

C. A. Terry appointed and Commissioned Notary Public in and for the County of Marion.

June 23rd, 1854.

James H. Hater appointed and Commissioned Notary Public in and for the County of Benton.

June 24th, 1854.

John M. Parker appointed and Commissioned Notary Public in and for the County of Blackman.

June 26th, 1854.

A. W. Steele appointed and Commissioned Notary Public in and for the County of Blackman.

July 5th, 1854.

The returns of the election held on the 5th ultimo for Prosecuting Attorneys, and officers of the Militia, as well as for an expression of the sense of the people relative to the formation of a State Constitution were this day opened and the votes canvassed according to law. Whereupon it appeared that for Prosecuting Attorneys

R. P. Boise was elected in the First Judicial District.

Noah Huber " " " Second " "

P. P. Primm " " " Third " "

For officers of the Militia:

In Marion County, Geo. K. Heil, was elected Colonel, John McCrean Lt. Colonel and Jos. C. Geer Jr. Major.

In Blackman and Wagon Counties, W. A. Casson, was elected Col. Tho. Waterbury Lt. Col. and W. B. Mayers Major.

In Washington and Columbia Counties, Jos. C. Meek was elected Col. R. M. Porter, Lt. Col. and John Pool Major.

In Gamble and Blanton Counties, J. M. Moffitt was elected Col. Miller Ham Lt. Col. and James A. Campbell Major.

In Polk and Tillamook Counties, J. R. Selashmuth was elected Col. B. F. McCrean Lt. Col. and B. F. Burch Major.

In Linn County, L. A. Heilm was elected Colonel, A. G. McDonald Lt. Col. and J. H. Smith Major.

In Wapunga, Douglas and Coose Counties, Stephen Davis was elected Col. E. Gunning Lt. Col. and Hugh O'Neil Major.

In Benton and Cass Counties, J. Kendall was elected Col. Jacob Allen Lt. Col. and Wm. Grid Major.

In Jackson County, John E. Ross was elected Col., Wm. J. Norton Lt. Col. and James H. Russell Major.

For Convention received 3210 votes - Against Convention received 4079.

Commissions issued to Geo. K. Heil, John McCrean and Jos. C. Geer Jr. as Colonel, Lt. Col. and Major of Militia in Regimental District No. 1.

Certificates of election issued to R. P. Boise, Noah Huber and P. P. Primm as Prosecuting Attorneys.

July 6th, 1834.

Commissions issued to Wm. A. Casm as Colonel, Thos Waterbury as Lt Col. and W. B. Mayers as Major of the Second Regiment of Militia.

July 7th, 1834.

Commissions issued Jos. L. Meek as Col. R. M. Potter as Lt. Col. and John Pool as Major of the Third Regiment of Militia.

July 8th, 1834.

Commissions issued to J. M. Moffitt as Col. Willt. Starr as Lt. Col. and James A. Campbell as Major of the Fourth Regiment of Militia.

July 10th, 1834.

Commissions issued to J. K. Selahmuth as Col. O. F. M. Hensel as Lt. Col. and B. H. Burch as Major of the Fifth Regiment of Militia.

July 11th, 1834.

Commissions issued to S. H. Helm as Col. A. C. ^{McDonald} as Lt. Col. and J. A. Smith as Major of the Sixth Regiment of Militia.

July 12th, 1834.

Commissions issued to J. Kendall as Col. Jacob Allen as Lt. Col. and Wm. Gird as Major of the Seventh Reg't of Militia.

July 13th, 1834.

Commissions issued to Stephen Davis as Col. E. Humming as Lt. Col., and Hugh McKil as Major of the Eighth Reg't of Militia.

July 14th, 1834.

Commissions issued to John C. Ross as Col. Wm. J. Newton as Lt. Col., and James H. Russell as Major of Ninth Reg't of Militia.

July 25th, 1834.

Commissions issued to Company officers of the 6th Reg't of Militia as follows:

Company A. —	H. M. Brown, Captain, S. M. Wheeler, 1st Lieut. and James Oregon 2 ^d ditto.
" B. —	Christian Miller, Captain, Milton Houstons 1st Lt. and William G. Haley 2 ^d ditto.
" C. —	Javis Clayton, Captain, John Blackleman 1st Lt. and Thomas Shung 2 ^d ditto.
" D. —	Jonathan H. Bruntain, Capt, Ameneus Savage, 1st Lieut and J. W. Pugh, 2 ^d ditto.
" E. —	H. J. Payne, Capt, Harvey Ridd 1st Lieut, and Wm. M. McBride 2 ^d ditto.

Company F — James Shields, Capt, James Elkins 1st Lieut,
and Wm. M. Smith 2^d Lieut.
" G — Reuben Coyle, Capt, Caleb Brooks, 1st Lieut,
and Russel T. Hill 2^d ditto.
" H — James Barrett, Capt, Thos. M. Weyner 1st Lieut,
and Russel Alford 2^d ditto.
" I — M. D. Byland Capt, Isaac S. Miller, 1st Lieut, and
James Butcher 2^d Lieut.
" J — John Brown, Capt, James A. Rice 1st Lieut,
and Robt R. Woody 2^d Lieut.

August 1st, 1834.

The office of Governor having become vacant in consequence
of the resignation of His Excellency Thos. M. Davis and his departure
for the States, the Secretary of the Territory, Geo. L. Curry, this day
assumed the duties of that office according to law.

September 14th, 1834.

Commissions issued to Company officers of the 5th Regt of
Militia, as follows:

Company A — W. S. Gilliam, Captain, Wm C. Brown, First Lieut,
and Ira D. Smith 2^d ditto.
Company B — A. J. Welch, Captain, Robert Gilliam, 1st Lieut,
and John M. Sumalt 2^d ditto.
" C — James S. Holman, Capt, E. S. Butler, 1st Lieut,
and A. E. Sheley 2^d ditto.
" D — C. W. Cook Capt, John E. Davidson 1st Lieut,
and Samuel T. Rich 2^d ditto.
" E — C. C. Cram, Capt, J. J. Basket 1st Lieut,
and Francis Waddle 2^d ditto.
" F — W. B. Walker, Capt, W. W. Boone 1st Lieut,
and W. P. Watson 2^d ditto.
" G — John Serham Capt, Ira S. Townsend
1st Lieut and John Richard 2^d ditto.
" H — John M. McCuller Capt, R. H. Huntsucker
1st Lieut, and Joseph Caveny 2^d ditto.
" I — B. S. Springer Capt, M. C. Dawson, 1st
Lieut, and Wm Burdon 2^d ditto.
" K — George Scott, Capt, John Tripp 1st Lieut,
and Henry Haines 2^d ditto.

September 16th, 1834.

Robert Johnston appointed and commissioned
Commissioner of Deeds &c for Oregon within the State of New York.

September 18th, 1834.

William Parvine, appointed and Commissioned Notary Public for the County of Tillamook.

By the Acting Governor of Oregon;
A Proclamation.

Whereas the Snake tribe of Indians, or a portion of them have committed a most unprecedented outrage upon a party of the immigration, in the vicinity of Fort Boise - unarmed men have been shot down, defenceless women and harmless children, after enduring captivity, have been most barbarously and inhumanly tortured to death; and in order to aid in protecting future immigration, and to secure the peace of the frontier settlements; it is deemed advisable to chastise the perpetrators of this high handed offence, by a punishment commensurate with the magnitude of their crime; and, whereas, in this view, the force already in the field is judged to be inadequate for complete success, I have therefore issued this my proclamation, calling for the enrollment for six months unless sooner discharged, of two companies of volunteers, of fifty men each, to be mounted, every volunteer to furnish his own arms and ammunition, horse and equipments; the companies to elect their own officers and report to Brigadier General Nesmith, on or before the 25th inst. One company to rendezvous at Salem, and the other at Oregon City.

Given under my hand, at Salem, this 18th day of September, 1834.

(Signed) Geo. L. Curry,
Acting Governor of Oregon.

September 20th, 1834.

John McCracken appointed and Commissioned Assistant Quarter Master General.

Pardon and remission of punishment granted, upon petition of the people of Benton County, to Charles Selvey and A. R. McConnell, of said County of Benton, for violation of certain provisions of the License Law.

Geo. K. Phil, appointed and Commissioned Adjutant and Victor Irevitt appointed and Commissioned Quartermaster and Commissioner of the forces called into service, by proclamation, against the Snake Indians.

September 22d, 1834.

By the Acting Governor of Oregon,
A Proclamation.

Whereas, a proclamation was made on the 18th inst, authorizing the enrollment of two Companies of volunteers for the purpose of the chastisement of the Indians who perpetrated the recent melancholy outrage near Fort Boise - and the U.S. Military authorities having put a force in the field which they deem to be sufficient, and having declined to cooperate with the expedition, even by furnishing it with the necessary munitions of war for its equipment, and believing that these essentials cannot be procured, nor subsistence and other supplies furnished from the settlements at large, in time to enable the expedition to strike an effective blow before winter will have set in, or to get a sufficient quantity of them transported to so remote a point in the interior, as the scene of the disaster, to make them available for a winter campaign -

This proclamation is therefore issued, while acknowledging the gallantry of those who responded so promptly to the call, that the said enrollment may be continued, with the hope that unless the massacre shall have been avenged by the forces already out, the Assembly, at the ensuing session, will take measures to warrant the undertaking as soon as winter shall have passed.

Given under my hand, at Salem, this 29th day of September, 1854.

(Signed) Geo. L. Curry,
Acting Governor of Oregon.

September, 26th, 1854.

Commissions issued to Company officers of the 1st Reg't of Militia, as follows:

Company A — Jacob Goss, Capt, J. M. Fellows 1st Lieut,
Solomon Durbin 2d Lieut.

B — Prof. Herren Capt, Frank Reiter,
1st Lieut, John Baker, 2d Lieut.

C — Thomas Shaw, Capt, Peter Smith 1st Lieut,
Pleasant Howell, 2d Lieut.

D — Jacob Conner, Capt, Mr Kinney 1st Lieut,
H. A. Johnson, 2d Lieut.

E — Paul Darr, Capt, M. J. Allphine, 1st Lieut,
Mr P. Hendricks 2d Lieut.

F — Ralph C. Geer, Capt, John Davenport,
1st Lieut, Stephen Jones, 2d Lieut.

G — Johnson, Capt, F. C. Eldridge 1st Lieut,
Marion Macpall, 2d Lieut.

Company- H - Narcise A. Cornoyer, Capt, Isaac W. Lawrence
1st Lieut, Samuel Johnson, 2d Lieut.

James Costello, Capt. A Chamberlin, 1st Lt.
Lieut. Murphy 2nd Lt.

K — F. N. Matthien Capt. Eli Cooley Mstr.
Hewell Parker 2d Lieut.

1. Lt - Wm Jack, Captain, Miller & Hunt.

October 4. H. 1834.

Geo. B. Gundy, appointed and Commissioned Notary Public for Jamhill County.

Writ issued for a special election in Blackham's County on the 4th of next month to elect one member of the House of Representatives in place of James Guthrie resigned.

October 5th, 1834.

Commissions issued to Company officers of the 2^d Regiment
of Militia, as follows:

Company A — E. L. Quimby, Capt., E. R. Scott 1st Lieut.
Leonard Bickens 2^d Lieut.

B — Samuel Chamberlain, Capt. F. N. Elliott
1st Lieut, Jackson Powell 2d Lieut.

6 — Mr. C. Sement, Capt, J. H. Bradley 1st Lieut.
 Heznan Bush 2d Lieut.

I — Isaac Wheeler, Captain, John M. Bacon
1st Lieut, Isaac F. Beals 2d Lieut.

6. E— B. B. Jackson, Captain, Maywell Campbell, 1st
Lieut, Alois Williams 2 Lieut.

October; 12th, 1834.

W. G. Brock, appointed and commissioned Notary Public
in and for the County of Lane.

October 20th, 1854.

J. F. Chadwick, appointed and commissioned Notary
Public in and for the County of Winnipeg.

October 28^d, 1834.

Whereas at the October Term 1837 of the District Court, in
and for Baine County are John Hlemons was convicted, ^{of an assault with intent to kill,} and
sentenced to three years imprisonment in the Penitenti-
ary, — and the said John Hlemons having been recommended
to executive clemency by ~~several~~ petitions ~~thereunto~~^{thereto} signed
of the good people of the said County — Therefore in con-
sideration of the premises and divers other good and

sufficient reasons moving the Executive thereunto, the pardon is granted the said John Hearn and his punishment is remitted.

October 24th 1834.

Writ issued for a special election in Washington and Columbia Counties on the 20th of next month to elect one member of the Council in place of Ralph Wilson resigned.

Writ issued for a special election in Wasco County on the 20th of next month to elect one member of the House of Representatives in place of Nathan Olney resigned.

October 28th, 1834.

Charles G. Hubbard appointed and commissioned Notary Public in and for Coos County.

November 13th, 1834.

Writ issued for a special election in Coos County on the 4th day of next month to elect one member of the House of Representatives in place of J. H. Foster resigned.

November 21st 1834.

Justus Steinberger commissioned Adjutant of Third Regiment of Militia.

December 18th 1834.

Charles E. Soule appointed and commissioned Commissioner of Deeds for Oregon within the State of New York.

Henry S. Hallett appointed and commissioned "Commissioner of Deeds" for Oregon within the State of Massachusetts.

J. F. Groves appointed and commissioned Notary Public for Marion County.

December 19th, 1834.

L. F. Mosher appointed and commissioned Notary Public in and for the County of Jackson.

December 11th 1834.

To the House of Representatives of the Territory of Oregon.

In accordance with your resolution of the 7th inst. requesting to be furnished with all the correspondence and information in my possession in relation to the massacre of a portion of the last immigration by the Snake Indians, on the 20th of August last, I have the honor to transmit the accompanying documents.

(Signed,

Geo. L. Curry,

December 12th, 1834.

Official oath - Wm. H. Farver, District Attorney.

day received and filed.

Territory of Oregon
County of Marion 3^d J. William H. Farrar do solemnly swear
that I will support the Constitution of the United States and will
faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Attorney of the
United States in and for the District of Oregon.

(Signed) William H. Farrar.

Subscribed and sworn to before me This 12th day of
December A.D. 1834.

(Signed)

Chester H. Terry.
Judge Probate for Marion County, Oregon.

December 2nd 1834

A communication transmitted to the Legislative Assembly

To the Council and House of Representatives of the
Territory of Oregon.

I have the honor herewith to
transmit, in accordance with the Joint Resolution
of the Legislative Assembly of last session, relating
to investigation of expenditures of Penitentiary fund—
page 149, Journal of the House of Representatives, session
1833-4—the proceedings had under said resolution. The
predecessor Gov. Davis, assigned to Mr. Campbell of
Portland, the investigation required by said resolution,
by whom the report is made.

Executive Office (Signed) J. S. Curry
Salem Dec 21st 1834.

December 2nd 1834.

Whereas at October Term 1834 of the District Court
of Lane County, a certain William Satchew was indicted for
the commission of a public offence, tried, convicted and
sentenced to pay a fine of one hundred dollars, and to be
imprisoned in the County jail for a period of six months
and the said William Satchew having been recommended to
the clemency of the Executive—

Therefore in consideration of the premises
and since other good and sufficient reasons moving the
Executive authorities, so much of the sentence of the said
William Satchew, and so much as requires him to be
imprisoned in the county jail for the period of six
months, is hereby remitted.

To The Senate and House of Representatives of the United States

In accordance with the requirements of the 3^d Section of "An act for the construction of certain roads in the Territory of Oregon, and for other purposes," passed July 18th 1850, I have the honor to submit the subjoined statement of the expenditure of money appropriated by Congress for the use and benefit of "the Territory of Oregon, which is being expended under the order or supervision of the Governor and Assembly."

Amount received of Treasury of the U.S. for the erection of a Penitentiary, under act of Congress June 11th 1850. ————— \$20,000.00

From which has been disbursed by order of Board of Commissioners for the construction of said Penitentiary ————— \$14,979.40

Draft numbered 5250 returned to Treasury of the U.S. on 15th July 1854, for payment 5,000.00 — 19,979.40

Balance remaining in my hands ————— \$20.60

Amount received from Treasury of the U.S. for erection of public buildings, under act of Congress June 11th 1850. ————— \$20,000.00

Amount received from my predecessor Gov. Davis, being the balance unexpended of the ————— \$5,000.00

appropriated by act of 14th August 1848. ————— 2,500.00
\$22,500.00

From which has been disbursed by order of Board of Building Commissioners — \$19,898.67.

Draft numbered 5269, returned to Treasury of U.S. on 15th July 1854 for payment — 2,000.00 \$21,898.67

Balance remaining in my hands ————— \$601.33

Territory of Oregon

Executive Office

Salem Dec 27th 1854

Respectfully submitted
(signed)

Geo. L. Curry
Governor of Oregon

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office

Salem January 4th 1855

To the Council and House of Representatives of Oregon

In accordance with the third section of the law providing for the erection of the public buildings, I have the honor to

submit the subjoined report of the disbursements and condition of the fund appropriated by Congress for such purpose:

Date of draft,		In phrase of	Amount
		by my predecessor Gov. Davis,	\$10,125 13
Dec. 27	1853	John C. Waterman,	54 00
Feb 9	1854	David Parsons,	35 40
March 28	" "	A. W. Ferguson,	150 00
May 13	" "	W. H. Rector,	1 000 00
June 5	" "	W. H. Rector,	3 000 00
" 17	" "	A. S. Calaver,	90 00
July 3	" "	W. H. Rector,	1 600 00
" 15	" "	Draft No. 6359 returned to Treasury Department for personal,	2 000 00
" 29	" "	W. H. Rector,	2 000 00
Amount turned over by my predecessor, Gov. Davis, Aug. 1, 1854,			207 73
Amount turned over by my predecessor, Gov. Davis, Aug 1, 1854, being the balance unexpended of \$5,000 appropriated by act of August 14 th 1848,			2 500 00
Total amount received for by me,			2707 73
Aug. 14	" "	James Strong,	86 40
Sept 14	" "	W. H. Rector,	1 800 00
" 19	" "	Asahel Bush,	67 00
Nov 23	" "	C. A. Reed,	15 00
" 25	" "	E. M. Barrows,	12 00
Dec 4	" "	W. H. Rector,	35 00
" 11	" "	James Strong,	15 00
" 13	" "	Joseph Lathrop,	25 00
" "	" "	C. A. Reed,	57 00
Balance in my hands			601 33

Respectfully submitted

Geo. S. Gray

January 16th 1855

A communication transmitted to the Legislative Assembly.

To Hon. Citizens of the Council and House of Representatives,

I have learned, in officially receiving of your action, joint resolution, requesting me "to communicate to the Assembly, during the session, any plans, or suggestions, by which the perpetration of the massacre of a portion of the Indian of last season, near Fort Boise, may be speedily brought to justice."

I have hitherto abstained from making any communication in answer thereto, in the hope of receiving from the proper departments of the general government, in relation to the subject, that might tend to indicate the most judicious line of action to be pursued, and in fact to your legislative completeness and efficiency. The repeated failure of the mails have defeated the reasonable expectation I had entertained in this particular.

You are very recently from among those who have instructed you with authority, and it is to be presumed you are familiar with the opinions and desires of the people concerning the melancholy event, the subject matter of your resolution, and no doubt will exercise your fullest powers in the adoption of such measures as will best fulfill the public expectation.

The present state of crime and aggression committed by Indians, in it certainly belongs to the United States, but circumstances have transpired, and will continue to occur, creating exigencies of that character and importance requiring immediate and decisive action. The people who have conditioned the frontier settlers of the Union, from the fact of their remote position and constant liability to Indian depredation and hostility, have ever been characterized by a becoming alacrity in defending themselves, by the prompt infliction of a proper chastisement of Indian tribes who conspired against their welfare and security. It is not surprising, therefore, that the people of Oregon, who are mainly composed of the hardy pioneers of the western State of the Union, should manifest the like characteristic.

Before the power of the federal government was extended over this country, occasion had made it the necessity of our people to repel Indian hostility, and since, when the protection and safety of settlers to be consequent upon that extension of power, proved to be inadequate, or inefficient, and their relatives and friends are slaughtered by Indian perfidy, while on the peaceful journey of immigration, to enable the government to remove among them, and to associate intimately with their interests, they could not be expected to remain passive and indifferent, and make no effort to cancel the commission obligation of our marchers.

Should no information be received that would lead to the certain conclusion that the federal government proposed to take speedy and effectual measures for the suppression and punishment of the murders, and to afford that justice along the immigrant trail's conductors into the allments of Oregon, which is so imperative, requisite, it would positively suggest whether Congress makes an appropriation, or the payment of the expenses incident thereto, or whether they are defrayed by the

people of the Territory, that you authorize the enrollment and
equipment of an expedition, to comprise, not more than one
battalion, to go forward in the spring, or as soon as
practicable, to occupy the country between the Grande Ronde
and Fort Hall, and by every means possible, hunt down and
apprehend the Indians concerned in the murder of immigrants
in the vicinity of Fort Boise, on the 20th of August last.

While it may not be substantiated that any of the employees
of the Hudson Bay Company were guilty of criminal conduct
in connection with that deplorable occurrence of the massacre,
still it is a matter of serious regret that such a powerful foreign
monopoly is left to exert its influence in the heart of the
Indian country. Whatever that influence may be, it is not
national, and it imparts no strength to our laws. The
passage of a memorial to Congress, calling for the immediate
purchase of their interest, and their retirement beyond our
boundary, would seem to be a measure highly expedient and
proper under the circumstances.

I transmit, herewith, the reports of the Commissioner
General, and Assistant Quarter Master General, as to the
operations and expenses of their respective departments, incident
to the effort made to organize an expedition in September
last, after the receipt of the news of the massacre.

I beg to assure you of my sincere disposition to cooperate
with you in such measures as may be conducive to the prompt
chastisement of offensive Indians, and the safe passage of
immigrants from the States to our growing Territory.

Executive Office
Salmon O. T., January 16, 1855. (Signed) Geo. L. Curry

January 16th 1855
Ami S. Dennis appointed and commissioned
Notary Public for Blaine County.

January 10th 1855
George H. Stead appointed and commissioned
Notary Public for Garfield County.

January 18th 1855
James A. Crabtree appointed and commissioned
Captain of Company D, 1st Regiment.

Andrew Shepherd appointed and commissioned
Lieutenant of Company D, 1st Regiment.

of communication transmitted to the Speaker of the
House of Representatives

Gen S. F. Carter
Speaker of House of Representatives

I have the honor
to transmit, herewith, in order that the Assembly may take
such action in reference to the subject as they may deem
proper, a copy of a letter from Joel Peltier, Esq. Superintendent
of Indian Affairs in regard to the law prohibiting the sale
of arms and ammunition to Indians.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

(signed)

Geo. S. Curry

Executive Office Jan 26th 1855.

February 21st 1855

Whereas, at the May Term, 1854, of the District Court for
Lincoln County, in the Territory of Oregon, a certain William
Toble was convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced
to imprisonment for two years in the Penitentiary, - and the
said William Toble having been recommended to the
clemency of the Executive by petition of the good people
of the said County of Lincoln -

Therefore in consideration of the services and other
other good and sufficient reasons, moving the Executive
thereunto, the said William Toble is hereby pardoned the
crime of which he stands convicted and the residue of
his said punishment remitted.

February 24th 1855

Solomon A. Buell appointed and commissioned,
Commissioner of Seeds &c for Oregon, within the State of
Indiana,

March 1st 1855

Pat H. Rice commissioned District Attorney,

March 10th 1855

Whereas at the September Term 1854, of the District Court for
Washington County, in the Territory of Oregon a certain James

Barber was convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to imprisonment for three years in the Penitentiary and the said James Barber has been recommended to the clemency of the Executive by petition of the good people of the said section of the Territory.

Therefore in consideration of the facts, and other good and sufficient reasons, among the Executive Sheriffs, the said James Barber is hereby pardoned the crime of which he stands convicted and the residue of his said punishment remitted.

March 12th 1855

John Downing appointed and commissioned First Lieutenant of Company "C" First Regiment

March 16th 1855

Richard H. Stanley appointed and commissioned Commissioner of Deeds for Oregon within the State of California

April 9th 1855

Resignation of Geo. H. Shiel as Auditor received and filed.

April 21st 1855

John D. Butler appointed and commissioned a member of the Board of Commissioners for the construction of public Buildings at the Seat of Government

April 24th 1855

Isaac H. Wright appointed and commissioned Commissioner of Deeds for within the State of Louisiana

Edward J. Pingle appointed and commissioned Commissioner of Deeds for Oregon within the State of California

May 16th 1855

John F. Vetter appointed and commissioned Quarter Master General

May 19th 1855

A. J. Thayer appointed and commissioned Auditor for the Territory of Oregon

May 20th 1855

Official oath of S. J. Harding received and filed.

County of Oregon
Marshall County

I, D. F. Harding, of said County
and Territory, do solemnly swear that I will support
the Constitution of the United States, and that I will
faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Secretary
of said Territory to the best of my ability, to help save
God -

(Signed) D. F. Harding

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th
day of Jan A. D. 1855.

(Signed) M. P. Deady

Associate Justice

Supreme Court -

June 26th 1855.

Whereas, at the April Term, 1855, of the District
Court of Marshall County, in the Territory of Oregon, a
certain Wm. T. Newby, was indicted, tried, convicted
and sentenced - for a criminal offence, - to pay
the costs of the prosecution against him and to be
confined in the County jail for a period of sixty days;
and the said Wm. T. Newby having been recommended
to the clemency of the Executive by petitions very
numerously signed of the good people of said
Marshall County;

Therefore, in consideration of the
promises and divers other good and sufficient
reasons moving the Executive of the said Territory
thereunto, the said Wm. T. Newby is hereby pardoned
the said offence of which he stands convicted, upon
the payment of the said costs of the said prosecution
against him, and a pecuniary fine of one hundred
and fifty dollars to which his punishment is hereby
commuted.

Whereas, at the April Term, 1855, of the District
Court of Marshall County, in the Territory of Oregon, a
certain Wm. Naylor was indicted, tried, convicted and
sentenced, - for a criminal offence, - to be confined in
the County jail for a period of thirty days; and the said
Wm. Naylor having been recommended to the clemency
of the Executive by petitions, very numerously signed,
by the good people of the said County of Marshall -

Therefore, in consideration of the premises and divers other good and sufficient reasons, moving the Executive of the said Territory therunto, the said Com. Clerk is hereby pardoned the said offence of which he stands convicted, upon the payment of a pecuniary fine of twenty five dollars to which his said punishment is hereby commuted.

Whereas at the April Term, 1855, of the District Court of Yamhill County, in the Territory of Oregon, a certain Samuel Stagg, was indicted, tried, convicted and sentenced, for a criminal offence to pay a fine of one hundred dollars, and the said Samuel Stagg, having been recommended to the clemency of the Executive, by petitions, very numerous, signed, of the good people of the said County of Yamhill -
Therefore in consideration of the premises and divers other good and sufficient reasons moving the Executive of the said Territory therunto, the said Samuel Stagg, is hereby pardoned the said offence of which he stands convicted, upon the payment of a fine of one hundred dollars,

Whereas at the April Term, 1855, of the District Court of Yamhill County, in the Territory of Oregon, a certain E. G. Edson, was indicted, tried, convicted and sentenced, for a criminal offence to pay a fine of one hundred dollars, and the said E. G. Edson, having been recommended to the clemency of the Executive, by petitions, very numerous, signed, of the good people of the said County of Yamhill -

Therefore, in consideration of the premises and divers other good and sufficient reasons, moving the Executive of the said Territory therunto, the said E. G. Edson is hereby pardoned the said offence of which he stands convicted, upon the payment of the said fine of one hundred dollars.

Whereas at the April Term, 1855, of the District Court of Yamhill County in the Territory of Oregon, a certain Alfred Stagg was indicted, tried, convicted and sentenced, for a criminal offence,

to pay a fine of fifty dollars, and the said
Alfred Staggs having been recommended to the
clemency of the Executive, by petitions, very
numerously signed, of the good people of the
said County of Yamhill,

Therefore, in consideration
of the premises and divers other good and
sufficient reasons moving the Executive of the
said Territory thereto, the said Alfred Staggs,
is hereby pardoned the said offence of which
he stands convicted, upon the payment of the said
fine of fifty dollars;

Whereas at the April Term, 1855, of the
District Court of Yamhill County, in the Territory
of Oregon a certain David Feast, was indicted,
tried, convicted and sentenced for a criminal
offence to pay a fine of fifty dollars, and the
said David Feast, having been recommended to the
clemency of the Executive, by petitions very
numerously signed, of the good people of the
said County of Yamhill,

Therefore, in consideration of
the premises and divers other good and sufficient
reasons moving the Executive of the said Territory
thereto, the said David Feast, is hereby pardoned
the said offence of which he stands convicted, upon
the payment of the said fine of fifty dollars;

Whereas at the April Term, 1855, of the
District Court of Yamhill County, in the Territory
of Oregon, a certain George Roberts, was indicted,
tried, convicted and sentenced for a criminal offence
to pay a fine of twenty five dollars, and the said
George Roberts, having been recommended to the
clemency of the Executive, by petitions very
numerously signed, of the good people of the said County of Yamhill,

Therefore, in consideration of the
premises and divers other good and sufficient reasons
moving the Executive of the said Territory thereto,
the said George Roberts, is hereby pardoned the said
offence of which he stands convicted, upon the
payment of the said fine of twenty five dollars,

June 27th 1855

C. M. Barnum appointed and commissioned
Notary Public in and for the County of Polk.

A. H. Taylor appointed and commissioned
Notary Public in and for the County of Jackson.

July 2^d 1855.

Official oath of Geo. L. Curry this day received
and filed.

I do solemnly swear that I will
support the Constitution of the United States, and
faithfully discharge the duties of the office of
Governor of the Territory of Oregon.
(Signed) Geo. L. Curry

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2^d day
of July A.D. 1855.
(Signed) Geo. W. Williams
Chief Justice of Oregon.

July 5th 1855.

The returns of the election held on the 4th ultimo
for Delegate to Congress, and Prosecuting Attorneys as
well as for an expression of the sense of the people
relative to the formation of a State Constitution were
this day opened and the votes carried out according to law.

Whereupon appeared that

Joseph Lane had 5123 votes for Delegate to Congress

John P. Gaines " 3986 " " " "

Geo. H. Sherrill had 3065 votes for Prosecuting Attorney 1st Judicial District

Thomson Ward " 1436 " " " " "

R. E. Stratton " 737 " " " " 3^d " "

Geo. Haynes " 195 " " " " " " "

W. G. T. Vautr " 683 " " " " " " 10th Jackson Co

D. M. McKinney " 538 " " " " " " " " "

Hiram Colver " 17 " " " " " " " " "

Thos. S. Brandon " 1047 " " " " 3^d " "

R. A. Ingham " 866 " " " " " " " "

Geo. R. Blackwelder " 19 " " " " " " " "

For Convention received 4460 votes
Against " " 4852 "

By the Governor of the Territory of Oregon
A Proclamation

Whereas it is provided by law that the Executive of the Territory of Oregon, shall proclaim the result of the election of Delegates to Congress, and it appearing upon the canvass of the vote given for that office, at the election held in the said Territory on the 4th ultimus, that Joseph Lane received the highest number,

Be it therefore declared and proclaimed that Joseph Lane is elected the Delegate of the people of the Territory of Oregon to the Thirty fourth Congress of the United States.

Given under my hand at Corvallis the Capital of said Territory, this 5th day of July. A.D. 1855.

By the Governor (signed) Geo. L. Curry

B. F. Harding

Secretary of the Territory of Oregon

Certificates of election issued to Geo. H. Shail, Thos. S. Brandon, R. C. Stratton, and W. B. Vault Prosecuting Attorneys

Sept 3^d, 1855

Ozren Barrett appointed and commissioned a Notary Public in and for Coos County

R. C. Stratton appointed and commissioned a Notary Public in and for Douglas County

Sept 15, 1855.

J. S. Hoyt appointed and commissioned a Librarian in and for the Territory of Oregon

September 24th, 1855.

Oliver H. Smith appointed and commissioned a Notary Public in and for Marion County,

20th 1855

J. W. Price appointed and commissioned a
Commissioner of Deeds &c of Oregon in and for the State
of California

October 13th 1855

On this day the Requisition of John Bigler
Governor of the State of California. Was Received
demanding the delivery of Certain Indians
named Sam, Bill, Dick Jim and Tom, Charged
with the Crime of Murder in said State of California
and fled the said State, and believed to be now
in this Territory.

Whereupon, Warrant was issued
to Sheriff of Jackson County in the Territory of Oregon
Commanding said Sheriff to arrest said Indians
and deliver them to the Agent of said State of
California, J. H. Hale, in accordance with
said Requisition

A Proclamation

Whereas Certain Indians have been guilty of the Commission
of Criminal Offenses, and have combined and are now
engaged in hostilities that threaten the peace and security of
the frontier settlements, and the Chief in Command of the
Military force of the United States in this district, having
made a requisition upon the Executive of this Territory for
a Volunteer force to aid in suppressing the attacks of said
hostile Indians - I issue this my proclamation calling for
Eight Companies of Mounted Volunteers to remain in force
until duly discharged - Each Company to consist of one
Captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant,
four Sergeants, four Corporals and sixty privates, each
Volunteer, if possible, to furnish his own horse, arms
and equipments, each Company to elect its own officers,
and rendezvous without delay, on right bank of the
Willamette River, opposite Portland, where they will be
mustered into service on reporting to the Adjutant Gen-
eral of the Territory.

The following named Counties are expected to make up
the number of men wanted, and in order to facilitate
operations the Subjoined named Gentlemen are respec-
tfully requested to act as recruiting officers in their
Respective Counties:

Multnomah County one Company.	Shastis & Sons
Clatsop " " "	A. J. Hedges
Washington " " "	W. S. Caldwell

Yamhill County one Company
 Marion " " "
 Folk " " "
 Lin " " "
 Wasco " " "

A. H. Brown
 J. F. Grover
 Fred Wagner
 L. S. Helm
 O. H. Hunsaker

The last named Company will organize at the Falls,
 And report in writing to the Adjutant-General.
 Our fellow Citizens who may be in possession of Arms
 rifles, Muskets, And Revolvers. Are most earnestly cal-
 led to turn them over to Adjutant General Hunsaker
 at the Falls or his Agents in Order that they may be
 Appraised. And Supply a deficiency that is most Ser-
 iously experienced.

Given under my hand, at Portland, this 11th day of October
 A.D. 1855

(Signed) Geo L Curry

By the Governor -

Bing L. Harding

Secretary of the Territory of Oregon

A Proclamation

Whereas, by petition numerously signed by Citizens of Clatsop
 Valley. Calling upon me for protection, it has come to my
 knowledge that the Shasta and Rogue River Indians
 in Southern Oregon, in violation of their solemn engage-
 ments, are now in arms against the peace of this Territory
 that they have, without respect to age or sex, murdered
 a large number of our people, burned their dwelling &
 destroyed their property; and that they are now menac-
 ing the Southern settlements with all the atrocities of sav-
 age warfare. I give this my proclamation. Calling for
 five Companies of Mounted Volunteers, to constitute a
 Northern Battalion, and four Companies of Mounted
 Volunteers, to constitute a Southern Battalion, to remain
 in force until duly discharged. The several Companies
 to consist of one Captain, one 1st Lieutenant and 2^d Lieu-
 tant, four Sergeants, four Corporals, and Sixty privates.
 Each Volunteer to furnish his own horse arms and ap-
 plements; And each Company to elect its own officers.
 And thereafter to proceed with the utmost possible dis-
 patch to the rendezvous hereinafter appointed.
 It is expected that Jackson County will furnish the
 remainder of men wanted for the Southern Battalion &
 elect a Major at Jacksonville, Elect a Major, to
 command, and report in writing to Head Quarters.

It will then proceed to take effective measures to secure immunity for the past; and Congress a lasting peace with the Enemy for the future.

The following named Counties are expected to make up the number of men wanted for the Northern Battalion: Lane County, two Companies; Linn County, one Company; Douglas County, one Company; Wapshaw County, one Company; which will rendezvous at Roseburg, Douglas County, Elect a Major to Command, and Report in writing to Head Quarters. It will then proceed immediately to open and maintain the communication with the settlements in the Rogue River Valley, and thereafter co-operate with the Southern Battalion in a vigorous prosecution of the Campaign.

Given under my hand at Portland the 15th of October 1855.

Geo S Curry

B F Harding

Secretary of the Territory of Oregon

A Proclamation

To the Sheriff of Jackson County, Greeting: It having been made known to me that a vacancy exists in the representation of the Legislative Assembly by reason of the death of the Hon J. A. Lupton. You are therefore required to notify the several judges of Election in your County of Jackson that they cause the said vacancy to be filled at an Election to be held specially for that purpose on Saturday the 15th day of December next, by an Election of One Member of the House of Representatives.

G S Curry

In Testimony whereof I have caused the Seal of the Territory to be hereunto affixed

Given under my hand at Salem this 5th day of November A D 1855

(Signed)

Geo S Curry

Governor of Oregon

A Proclamation
To the Sheriffs of the Counties of Gambell and Chas-
-cop. Greeting

Whereas information having been received
that a vacancy exists in the Council of the Legislative As-
sembly, by reason of the resignation of John Richardson, you
are hereby required to notify the several judges of Election
in your respective Counties of Gambell and Chas-cop, that
a Special Election will be held on Monday the 26th instant
for the purpose of Electing one Member of the Council to
fill said vacancy

Given under my hand at Dallas in said
Territory, this 3^d day of November AD 1855

Geo L Curry
Governor of Oregon

A Proclamation
To the Sheriff of the County of Jackson, Greeting;
Whereas, by reason of the Removal of E H Cleveland
from the Territory, a vacancy exists in the Council of the
Legislative Assembly. You are hereby required to notify
the several judges of Election in your County that a
Special Election will be held on Monday the 12th day
of December next, for the purpose of Electing one
Member of the Council to fill said vacancy.

Given under my hand at Salem in said
Territory, this 17th day of November AD 1855

Geo L Curry

By the Governor

B F Harding

Secretary of the Territory

December 18th 1855

James E Walton Appointed and Commissioned
a Notary Public for the County of Douglas

December 27th 1855

Joseph B. Green appointed and commissioned Charles
H. Green as a Notary Public

Message Transmitted to the House of Representatives,
of the Legislative Assembly

Executive Office
Oregon Territory
Salem, Dec 17th 1855

Fellow Citizens of the Council and House of
Representatives.

In Compliance with your request I
have the honor to transmit the papers accompanying
this Communication.

The Territory is now engaged in the suppression of Indian
hostilities, of a very formidable character. And in the
perpetration of atrocities, more heinous and melancholy
than all our previous sad experience of Indian turpitudes
which for the past five years has brought its annual
desolation and sorrow to the homes and hearts of
our people.

Hostilities upon our northern frontier began with the
murder of Sub Indian Agent Belton and other citizens of
Washington Territory, which was succeeded by the repulse
of an inadequate force of U.S. troops, sent into the Indian
Country for the purpose of inflicting chastisement upon
those guilty of these outrages.

Partly in answer to a requisition made upon me for
aid by the Officer in command of the U.S. troops in this
district, and more particularly to effectually check and
subdue the imposing combination of hostile tribes,

threatening the security of our settlers, and their property
in that quarter, I called upon my fellow-citizens for
two companies of volunteers which was responded to with
the utmost alacrity by the Counties of Multnomah, Wasco
Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill, Marion, Polk, Benton and
Lincoln. Each County displaying a commendable spirit of
rivalry in promptly enrolling and sending its company
into the field; so that in less than twenty five days from
the appearance of the proclamation, a Regiment of mounted
men, armed, equipped and supplied, were on our extreme
northern frontier, and the greater portion advancing
to the possession of the Overly's Country.

While engaged in placing this Regiment in the field
I received intelligence of the incursion of hostile Indians
into our settlements and our southern frontier, and
the massacre of numbers of the inhabitants in that
section, and the pillage and destruction of their
property. In reply to solicitations for aid and

protection, an immediate call was made for two Battalions of Mounted Volunteers, for distinct service in the Eastern portion of the Territory which was answered in the most prompt and gratifying manner by Lin. Lane, Umpqua, Douglas, Coas and Jackson Counties. For greater efficiency, these Battalions have since been formed into a Regiment.

For particulars respecting the organization and operations of the Volunteer force - I beg to refer you to the accompanying papers, and the Adjutant General's Report, which will soon be submitted. The zeal and gallantry displayed by the Officers and men of both Regiments, deserve the warmest commendation.

The Territory has to deplore the loss of many of her excellent Citizens, who have nobly fallen in her defence. Their memories will be cherished in the hearts of a grateful and generous people.

Indian massacres already constitute a most melancholy Chapter in the history of Oregon. And it is most sincerely to be hoped that the recent painful occurrences may be the mournful means of obtaining an ample satisfaction for the past, and providing an effectual security against Indian perfidy in the future.

I do most earnestly recommend a vigorous continuance of operations, to punish and subdue all the hostile tribes of Indians on our borders, to the utmost extent of the means and power of the Territory.

The lives and property of our Citizens should no more be suffered to remain in jeopardy. It is time that certain security was afforded both - that the Indians upon our frontier were made to learn and respect our power.

The punishment of Indian aggression should be speedy and complete - deferment is only provocation of additional hostility.

The means of maintaining our Volunteer forces in the field have thus far, been provided by the generous contributions of our Patriotic fellow Citizens. In view of the magnitude of responsibility and correctness in the rendition of the accounts of these expenses I would suggest the propriety of authorizing some suitable person to act as Commissioner for their adjustment. The several Departments have been directed to make reports of official transactions without delay. As account of the existing and urgent circumstances attending the organization of the service, the

the utmost Capacity and Efficiency may not have been secured, in all cases. and I respectfully recommend a re-organization of the various branches of the service by means of legislative action, so as to insure the most thorough and complete Efficiency.

Confidently relying upon your patriotism and ability to adapt such measures as will meet the exigency of affairs, and promote the welfare and prosperity of the Territory, I beg to assure you of my desire to afford you a most cordial Co-operation

(Signed) Geo L Cherry

January 30th 1856.
John A Hall, was appointed and Commissioned a Notary Public for the County of Josephine Territory of Oregon

January 30th 1856
William Tegner, was appointed and Commissioned a Notary Public for the County of Curry Territory of Oregon

Message of the Governor

Territory of Oregon
Executive Office

Salem, January 18th 1856

To the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Oregon

I have the honor to inform the Legislative Assembly, that I have recently received from the General Government, the quota of Arms due the Territory. By the most recent law of Congress for the distribution of Arms to the Territories, each Territory which had not received an equivalent to 2000 Muskets, were entitled to that number, in the suppression of Indian hostilities in Southern Oregon, in 1853 60 rifles were obtained by requisition, from the Ordnance Store at St Vancouver, for the people of Jackson County, which have been deducted from the number due 2000 Muskets.

The money value of the munitions of War furnished upon my requisition by the Military Store

Report of Ordnance, at Fort Vancouver, for the Repulsion of present Indian aggressions, has also been collected, according to my pledge, made at the time my requisitions were sanctioned. These deductions have reduced the number to 1382 Muskets.

The annual Assignment of Arms to the Territories, after the Year 1854, may be drawn in such Arms, or field Artillery, as may be desired. Consequently, for the Year 1855, I made a requisition for 74 Colt's patent Revolvers instead of 137 Muskets due. And I am happy to state that they have been received and are now with the other Arms in charge of the department of the Quarter Master General of the Territory.

(signed) Geo L Curry

Report

Executive Office

Salem January 15th 1856

To the Council and House of Representatives of the Oregon Territory

In accordance with the third section of the law providing for the erection of the public buildings, I have the honor to submit the Subjoined Report of the disbursements and Condition of the fund appropriated by Congress for such purpose.

Balance unexpended as reported on January 4th 1855

\$ 601 33

Amount received from Treasury U.S. from draft No 6,259, which was returned to the Treasury Department for renewal

2000 00

Amount received from the Appropriation by Act of Congress, February 17th 1855,

10,000 00

\$ 12601 33

Date of Draft
1854 Dec 30th

In whose favour
Col H Rector

Amount
\$ 550 00

" Dec 30th

Col H Rector

254 00

" " 30th

Wm Chapman

86 45

" " 30th

Cox & Palmer

1,100 00

" " 30

A W Ferguson

52 00

" " 30th

E M Barnum

83 00

" " 30th

Col H Rector

500 00

Balance in my hands

474 17

\$ 12601 33

Respectfully Submitted
Geo L Curry

Flavelle & Co

February 29th 1856. J. L. Tichner and
Commissioners on Pilgrage

Proclamation
By the Governor of the Territory of Oregon

Whereas in consequence of the renewed and continued attacks of hostile Indians upon the Settlements in the Southern Counties of the Territory, and the present force in the Service in that quarter being deemed inadequate to successfully repel those attacks and afford such protection as has been petitioned for and essential to the safety and welfare of our citizens, it is judged advisable to increase the force already in the field by an additional battalion of three Companies of Mounted Volunteers, expressly for Service in Southern Oregon. The gallantry and patriotism of the people have sustained the Territory under the most trying circumstances and it is confidently believed that in the present emergency the same commendable spirit will be displayed as heretofore in the prompt involvement of the Companies called for. Time is precious and the utmost dispatch is desirable to enable Gen. Samuels to command to be completely successful. This proclamation is therefore issued asking for three Companies of Volunteers to serve for three months, unless sooner discharged. Each Company to be composed of one Captain, one First Lieutenant, one Second Lieutenant, 4 Sergeants, 4 Corporals, and 60 privates. Each Volunteer to furnish his own horse, arms and equipments. Each Company to elect its own Officers, and the Battalion to be entitled to elect one Major to Command.

The following named Counties are expected to make up these Companies. And the gentleman herein named are requested to act as Enrolling Officers:

Marian County	} One Company	Capt. A. M. Feltus Hon. Fred Wagnier E. L. Macey Hon. J. L. Brown
Folk County		
Lane and Benton Counties		
Linn County		

The Companies as they are organized will report to the Adjutant General at Corvallis. Citizens of exposed localities in the Southern Counties, should organize into Companies for the protection of their several Settlements, to be as "Minute Men" for Special Service, as circumstances may require. Should the emergency demand the temporary employment of such Companies of "Minute Men" the Captains will report such arms to the Adjutant General of the Territory. The Company of Capt. Thomas Whitted in the vicinity of Perryville Douglas County, will be so considered, as well as that Capt. W. Harris, of Empire City, Was. County. Such Munitions of War as are at the command of the Executive of the Territory, have been forwarded to the Counties of Curry

And was in accordance with prayer of sundry petitions from
the people of said Counties, and such practicable measures there-
in as may tend to their future security and welfare
Given under my hand and Seal of said Territory of
Oregon this 11th day of March A.D. 1856
By the Governor
Geo L Curry

B. L. Hatching

Secy of Oregon

March 10th A. J. McLennan, Joseph A. Lane & J. P. Dolan appointed
Commissioners for the Penetration of Oregon

April 13th 1856. Alexander T. Gray appointed and Commis-
ioned a Commissioner of Deeds &c for the State of Wisconsin

Proclamation

By the Governor of the Territory of Oregon

Whereas, to assure the security of the settlements along the
base of the Cascade Mountains in the Willamette Valley,
and to protect the agricultural interests of those sections
from being utterly prostrated in consequence of the appen-
sions of the people of Indian incursions by means of the
passes through the Cascade Mountains, now becoming available
as evinced by numerous petitions to the Executive for protection
- It has been deemed advisable to station a Battalion of
Rangers in said Valley for the purpose of maintaining a
constant reconnaissance of the Country East of the Cascade
Mountains and guarding the numerous passes through those
Mountains into the Willamette Valley: I therefore issue this
my Proclamation, for the enrollment of two Companies of
Volunteers, with such force as may be transferred from the
1st Regt. O. Tn. Bobs, to constitute the said Battalion of
Rangers.

Davis Layton has been Commissioned as Major of the Battal-
ion; and A. B. Wilson and Hiram Wilbur who have been Com-
missioned as Captains. with their respective Lieutenants have
been authorized to enroll these Companies
The Term of Service will be for sixty days, unless sooner
discharged. Each Company will be composed of
usual number of Commissioned and Non Com-
missioned Officers, and sixty privates.

The Companies will rendezvous at Foster's &c

County without delay. As fast as enrolled the Captains. Will forward detachments under charge of Commissioned Officers, to the Laich Valley, the Head-quarters of the Battalion. Given Under my hand at Portland this 15th day of May A.D. 1856

Lee J. Perry
Governor of Oregon

June 13th 1856. Julius B. Pomeroy. Appointed and Commissioned, a Commissioner of Deeds for New York.

June 13th 1856. Henry C. Smith. Appointed and Commissioned, a Notary Public. Washington County. Oregon Territory

June 13th 1856. W. G. T. Vault. Appointed and Commissioned a Notary Public. for Jackson County. Oregon Territory

June 20th 1856. A full Pardon granted to J. M. Knight for selling Ammunition to Indian

June 21st 1856. Chester A. Perry Appointed and Commissioned a Notary Public. Marion County. Oregon Territory

June 21st 1856. Francis A. Fabens Appointed and Commissioned. a Commissioner of Deeds &c for California

June 28th 1856. Anthony L. Davis. Appointed and Commissioned a Notary Public. Multnomah County Oregon Territory

July 14th 1856. In accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Oregon, entitled "An Act to provide for the permanent location of the Seat of Government of Oregon Territory" Passed January 30th 1856. the votes upon the question of the Location of said Seat of Government were this day canvassed, and found to be as follows
(see next page)

	Portland	Salem	Corvallis	Seaside City	Seaside
Benton County		3	576	17	1
Lane "		1	131	748	
Corry "	11	68		4	11
Cass "	17	29	8	15	29
Folk "	6	126	420	24	12
Umpqua "	3	8	29	193	1
Lin "	5	391	75	653	7
Mattham "	411	17	20	2	1
Washington "	235	61	158	11	1
Hankitt "	66	104	327	19	18
Marian "	34	964	10	24	
Columbia "	3	17	60	2	6
Clatsop "		77	7	14	18
Clatsamas "	277	142	38	55	41
Douglas	3	25	111	388	17
Volunteers under Command of Major W. H. Latham	3	16	35	147	
Total - -	1154	2049	1998	2316	163

No Returns having been rec^d at the Office of the Secretary of the Territory from the Counties of Wasco, Jackson or Josephine.
 The returns of the election held on the 2^d day of June for Prosecuting Attorney in this District were as follows:
 opened and the votes canvassed according to law. Whereupon it appeared that Frank McEwen received 514 votes for Prosecuting Attorney, District of Pt. Marguerite had 22 votes for the same.

Proclamations

By the Acting Governor of Oregon

As required by the Seventh Section of an Act of the Legislative Assembly of said Territory, entitled an "Act to Provide for the Permanent location of the Seat of Government of Oregon Territory" passed January 30th 1856. I hereby declare that at the Annual Election held in and for said Territory on the 2^d day of June 1856, the Towns of Salem and Seaside City were the two points which received the highest number of votes for said Seat of Government: According to the returns received at the Office of the Secretary of said Territory.

Therefore it is ordered that on Monday the 6th day of October 1856 there be a Special Election held in and for the several Precincts of said Territory, at which Special Election the Voters of said Territory may designate their Choice of the "Place" of Salem and Seaside City for Seat of Government of Oregon Territory. Given under my hand this 14th day of July 1856.

B. L. Harding
 Acting Secy.

July 17th 1856. A Pardon was granted to A. C. Boutman who was convicted of the crime of Embezzlement by loaning certain School funds, belonging to the County of Coos, and sentenced to one year imprisonment in the Penitentiary of said Territory, and to pay a fine \$878, and the costs of his Prosecution, At the July - 1856 Term of the District Court in and for said County of Coos, upon Condition that he said Boutman pay the Costs of his said Prosecution, and re-pay to the School fund of said County the full sum of Money which he was convicted of Embezzling.

July 21st 1856. J. F. Thibault was appointed and Commissioned a Commissioner of Deeds &c for the State of California

July 21st 1856. D. C. Dadi, was appointed and Commissioned a Notary Public. Benton County, O. T.

July 22, 1856 John B. Sefers. was appointed and Commissioned a Notary Public, Jackson County, O. T.

August 1st 1856. A. H. S. Matt. was appointed and Commissioned. University Land Commissioner. in Place of Noah Huber Esq Resigned

August 2^d 1856. Charles P. Bulver, was appointed and Commissioned a Notary Public. Clackamas County O. T.

Certificate of election issued to Wm. L. McEwan Prosecuting Attorney for the 2^d District

August 5th 1856 S. F. Chaswick was appointed and commissioned a Notary Public for Douglas County Oregon.

August 21st 1856. Victor Campbell was appointed and commissioned a Notary Public for Clatsop County Oregon

August 29th 1856. A. C. Randell was appointed and commissioned Commissioner of Deeds &c for the State of California,

October 1856.

By the Acting Governor of Oregon Territory.

A Proclamation

To the Sheriff of the County of Wasco, Greeting,

Whereas by reason of the removal of W. H. Fauntleroy from the Territory, a vacancy exists in the House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly you are hereby required to notify the several judges of Election in your county that a special election will be held on Monday the 17th day of November next for the purpose of electing one member of the House of Representatives to fill said vacancy.

Given under my hand at Salem in said Territory this 7th day of October A. D. 1856.
(signed) B. F. Harding
Acting Governor of Oregon

October 14th 1856. L. F. Carter was appointed and commissioned a Notary Public for Marion County Oregon

October 14th 1856.

Territory of Oregon
Marion County S.S.

I Benjamin F. Harding of said county and Territory, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and will and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Secretary of said Territory to the best of my ability
(signed) Benjamin F. Harding

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of October 1856

B. F. Harding Clerk of the District Court of Marion County Oregon

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the seal of said Court this day and year above written.

(signed) B. F. Harding Clerk

Oct 11th 1856, George P. Turner appointed and
commissioned Notary Public in and for the County
of Josephine, Oregon Territory.

November 3rd 1856. William S. Caldwell appointed and
commissioned Notary Public in and for the County of
Washington, Oregon Territory.

November 11th 1856.

Unit of Election

The Territory of Oregon

To the Sheriff of the County of
Guthrie, Oregon;

Whereas, by reason of the resignation of J. P.
Larkin a vacancy exists in the House of Representatives of the Legislative
Assembly you are hereby required to certify the results of
the election in your County, that a special election will be held on
Monday 22nd day of December next, for the purpose of electing one
member of the House of Representatives to fill said vacancy.

Given under my hand at the City of Salem in said Territory the 11th day of
November A.D. 1856.

(Signed)

D. F. Harding
Acting Governor of Oregon

December 4th 1856. M. V. Brock appointed and commissioned
Notary Public in and for the County of Lane, Oregon Territory.

December 18th 1856. S. F. Garver appointed and
commissioned Notary Public in and for the County
of Marion, Oregon Territory.

A Message transmitted to the Legislative Assembly.

Gentlemen of the Council and
House of Representatives:

The organized and distinct
separation of our Executive and Legislative Departments is a
peculiar feature of the at of business occurring in the Government
of our country. I have no disposition to find fault with the

original principle of wisdom, from the Executive, rather
subordinate with the law making power, but on the contrary, I
commend it as most wise and salutary in a system of govern-
ment so imperfect and unsatisfactory as that to which the people
of the territories have been constrained to submit. This character
of our fundamental law, it is permissible, has been the cause
of the non-observance of the custom, usual elsewhere, of an
elaborate and digest of opinion from the Executive to the
Legislative Department of the Government, at the commencement
of each session, as to the condition and wants of the country,
at least, since I have held the position I now hold, and I
have been ready, at all times, to co-operate with the Legislative
Assembly, in every legitimate way, it has always influenced me
with an earnest carefulness against any act that might be
construed into an improper interference of one department
with the duties of another. However, the courteous action
which you have been pleased to take, which has been
communicated to me through your authorized delegation,
would seem to invite me to the gratification I will take
in exercising the privilege of thus addressing you briefly
and without the accustomed preparation.

The calamitous events which had befallen the territory,
and the serious and threatening features of affairs, which
existed at the period of the commencement of the last
session of the assembly, had occasioned the profoundest
sorrow and excited the gloomiest apprehensions. With our
energies were employed in repelling the attacks of hostile
Indians - in a desperate warfare with a treacherous and
faithless race, who had devastated most flourishing
sections of our country - carried desolation and sorrow
to the homes and spirits of our settlers, in the destruction of
their fortunes, and the sad fate of their helpless
families.

It is a matter of the sincerest regret that the report
of progress has so far been delayed. A more cheerful feeling
is arising the anguish and suffering of the past, and
the territory is gradually recovering from the serious effects
of a calamity so great. To the Executive, military, and
indomitable spirit of our citizens, and a generously
inclined to that protection and support which the general
Government did not afford. During a winter campaign
they suffered incredible hardships and privations. Fortified
and for weeks at a time, and in the midst of their own hard
experiences, and as necessary as the distance then great
yet and in the same country at the North, and under the
same conditions in the South - with a fidelity worthy of

highest commendation. A recitation of services in the name of the Territory, is due them for their meritorious and arduous services.

The memory of those who perished in the cause of this country, during the war, may be preserved in the pages of its history, but it would seem proper, by the erection of a monumental column, at the seat of government, or by some other appropriate mode, to testify the public appreciation of the services, and to perpetuate the memory of the honored dead. They were true to Oregon.

The inactive and inactive policy pursued by the officer commanding the United States troops, upon the Pacific coast, at a very critical juncture, and his more reprehensible conduct in the vindictive efforts he has made, through the press, and by letters and reports at Washington, to asperse and malign the people of the Territory, may have had a tendency to prejudice them against the army.

This valuable arm of the public service, which is designed for the protection of the country, and to assure the lives and property of those who deem it a duty to support it, has always enjoyed a high reputation for efficiency and gallantry, and I have no doubt under the command of other than supernumerary officers, will continue to maintain its brilliant character. I have heretofore acknowledged its valuable aid, before its operations were controlled by a commanding officer whose headquarters were in an adjoining State, prior to the late war.

Oppressed by the deepest anxiety, on account of the grave accusations, so unwarrantably made, against the people of the Territory, in which I was charged with gross violation of rights, I deemed it my duty to visit the seat of our national government, and confronting these accusations and charges, to know wherein we did wrong in defending ourselves from Indian aggression and barbarity.

It is enough for me to say, that in the great capital of the nation I found no accusations that could be sustained, no one of influence and influence to do us injury. While abroad, I found that some of Oregon, a name commanding respect, and receiving distinguished consideration, the seat and meeting of the land appreciate and hold in high estimation, the brave, industrious, and enterprising character of her people, the safety of the Territory was at his post faithful and watchful; and it affords me pleasure to be able to bear personal testimony of his worth, ability and efficiency. His magnificent zeal, and indefatigable industry, procured us Congressional legislation in reference to the expenses of the war, when there seemed no hope of such a consummation. That legislation was introduced to the Secretary of the War to appoint three commissioners to audit those expenses, which he has performed.

These commissioners have met and organized, and are ready to proceed to the discharge of the trust assigned them, as soon as the

chief of the department of the Interior are prepared to furnish their reports. The Commission is composed of able, upright, and high-minded gentlemen, and is entitled to the respect and confidence of the whole community.

The Quartermaster, Commissary and Adjutant Generals, under their orders, have been, and are, assiduously engaged in making up the complete and final reports of the entire transactions of their respective departments, to be presented to the Commission who are to adjust the expenses of the war. I have learned, unofficially, of the passage of resolutions by our House of Representatives calling upon the Quartermaster and Commissary Generals for detailed reports of their operations. The great mass of business that engrosses the unwearied attention of these two important branches of the public service, now, I am apprehensive, prevent an early and full compliance with the requirements of those resolutions. I am sure it would be a matter of general regret, where so large an interest is concerned, as in the present case - that of the whole Territory - should the final reports of these departments be delayed in making the expedient action of the Commission, upon whose adjustment the accounts of the numerous claimants unduly must be paid.

These officers are controlled by regulations, acting under my more immediate direction and observation, in the behalf of the Territory, for the United States, and while I am aware that efforts have been made, to prejudice them in public estimation, I hesitate not to say, that I believe them capable, honest and faithful, and I cannot withhold from them, my confidence. I beg to assure you that I shall cause all the important information to be derived from these reports, when prepared, which it is presumed will be about the 10th of next month, to be laid before you.

While in the City of New York, I expended five hundred dollars in the purchase of books, for the Territorial Library, being the amount of an appropriation, made by the last Congress, for such purpose. As soon as the books shall have been received, (and they are expected by express tomorrow) I will cause them to be placed in the possession of the Territorial Librarian, with a catalogue and other papers pertaining to the purchase.

The Commissioners for the Construction of a "Route," elected at the last session of the Assembly, joined to "qualify" without exception. The vacancies were filled by appointment, and I am happy to say that the Commissioners were displaced, superior ability, and discharged their duties with energy and fidelity. Their business was accomplished, and the route will be to your entire satisfaction. As the Board, in accordance with the law, do not report to the Executive, but directly to the Assembly, I respectfully refer you to the documents for information in detail, as to the progress and completion of this public work.

I am, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant, as the law requires, and as

highest necessities. A resolution of thanks, in the name of the Territory, is due them for their positions and arduous services.

The memory of those who perished in the cause of their country, during the war, may be preserved in the pages of its history, but it would seem proper, by the erection of a monumental column, at the seat of government, or by some other appropriate mode, to testify the public appreciation of the services, and to perpetuate the memory of the honored dead. They were true to Oregon.

The inactive and ambivalent policy pursued by the officer commanding the United States troops, upon the Pacific coast, at a very critical juncture, and his more reprehensible conduct in the vindictive efforts he has made, through the press, and by his letters and reports at Washington, to aspersions and malign the people of the Territory, may have had a tendency to prejudice them against the army.

This valuable arm of the public service, which is designed for the protection of the country, and to assure the lives and property of those who deem it a duty to support it, has always enjoyed a high reputation for efficiency and gallantry, and I have no doubt in the command of other than superannuated officers, will continue to maintain its brilliant character. I have, therefore, availed myself of its valuable aid, before its operations were controlled by a commanding officer whose headquarters were in an adjoining State, prior to the breaking out of the war.

Oppressed by the deepest anxiety on account of the grave accusations, as unwarrantably made, against the people of the Territory, in which I was charged with gross violation of rights, I deemed it my duty to visit the seat of our national government, and confuting these accusations and charges, to show wherein we did wrong in defending ourselves from invasion aggression and barbarity.

It is enough for me to say, that in the great capital of the nation I found no accusations that could be sustained, nor one of respect, by and influence to do us injury. While abroad, I found the name of Oregon, a name commanding respect, and receiving distinguished consideration. The past and worthy of the land appreciate and hold in high estimation, the brave, industrious, and enterprising character of her people. The people of the Territory were at his post faithful and untroubled, and it afforded me pleasure to be able to bear personal testimony of her, or its, ability and efficiency. It is no flagging zeal, and indomitable industry, procured as Congressional legislation in reference to the expenses of the war, when there seemed no hope of such a consummation. That legislation gave authority to the Secretary of War to appoint three commissioners to audit these expenses, a duty which he has performed.

These commissioners have not yet reported, and are ready to proceed to the discharge of the trust assigned them, as soon as the

chiefs of the departments of the Territory are prepared to furnish their reports. The Commission is composed of able, upright, and high-minded gentlemen, and is entitled to the respect and confidence of the whole community.

The Quartermaster, Commissary and Adjutant Generals, under my orders, have been, and are, assiduously engaged in making up the complete and final reports of the entire transactions of their respective departments, to be presented to the Commissioners who are to adjust the expenses of the war. I have learned, unofficially, of the passage of resolutions by one House of the Legislature, calling upon the Quartermaster and Commissary General for detailed reports of their operations. The great press of business that engrosses the unwearied attention of these two important branches of the public service, which I am apprehensive, prevent an early and full compliance with the requirements of those resolutions. I am sure it would be a matter of general regret, where so large an interest is concerned, as in the present case - that of the whole Territory - should the final reports of these departments be delayed, in checking the expedient action of the Commission, upon claims for adjudication. The accounts of the numerous claimants undisturbedly be paid.

These officers are controlled by my orders, acting under my own immediate direction and obligation, in behalf of the Territory, for the United States, and while I am aware that efforts have been made, to prejudice them in public estimation, I hesitate not to say, that I believe them capable, honest and faithful, and I consent with all my heart, my confidence, and best wishes, that I shall soon see the important information to be derived from these reports, when forwarded, which it is presumed will be about the 10th of next month, to be laid before you.

While in the City of New York, I expended five hundred dollars in the purchase of books for the Territorial Library, being the amount of an appropriation, made by the last Congress, for such purpose. As soon as the books shall have been received, (and they are expected by early arrival) I would cause them to be placed in the possession of the Territorial Librarian, with a catalogue and other papers pertaining to the purchase.

The Commissioners, for the Construction of a Territorial, selected at the last session of the Assembly, failed to qualify, without exception. The vacancies were filled by appointments, and I am happy to say that the Commissioners have displayed superior ability, and discharged their duties with energy and fidelity. That, before my departure, I will be able to give entire satisfaction. As the Board, in accordance with the law, do not report to the Executive, but directly to the Assembly, I respectfully feel it to be my duty to present for information in detail, to the progress and solution of this public work.

of the condition of the fund for the erection of Capitol Building; also a communication from the First Comptroller of the Treasury, in reference to the decision of that office in regard to balance due for services performed, and damages claimed by contractors on that work, and allowed at the session of the Assembly of 1854 and 5. Several thousand dollars of the money appropriated by Congress, to complete the Capitol Building, remain still in the Treasury of the United States.

I have likewise the honor to submit herewith, a copy of correspondence with the Secretary of War in relation to Indian Affairs.

At the point of a violation of propriety, I take the liberty to observe that, in my judgment, any legislation whatever, originating with a view to a relocation of the seat of government, under the existing circumstances, as the subject is regarded by the authorities at Washington, in a light adverse to the application of the funds at any new point, would be injudicious and unproductive of any benefit to your constituents. The subject has been one that has, more or less, engaged the time and attention of every session of the Assembly. It is one too, upon which there has been a great diversity of opinion, and which has already caused too much working and heart-felling. It is a matter, possibly, that can be satisfactorily adjusted only by the action of a State government. The view of the probability of a speedy consummation of such a measure, it would appear the part of wisdom to defer its further agitation until that event shall have transpired.

The organization of a State government for Oregon, with the experience obtained at Washington, in reference to the position and interests of territorial interests there, I deem a subject of the first consequence. There are so many disadvantages and positive hindrances entailed by the territorial form of government that, in the acquisition of territory by the United States, the consideration of Congress must inevitably be given to the remodeling and improvement of the whole system. The noble principle enunciated in the Kansas-Nebraska act is a step in the advance, and may be regarded as an evidence of the management that is in the future in this respect. The Indian difficulties upon our frontiers leave, and will, for a time, deter an increase of our population in the ordinary means of overland immigration, which has been the usual source of important yearly accession, chiefly to the agricultural class of our inhabitants. Hundreds of industrious and enterprising people would have started from the States, in the ensuing spring, both on land and water, to make their homes in Oregon, but for the present condition of the route. Military posts at Fort Boise and Fort Hall are imperiously required to insure safe and unobstructed travel in the Indian country, and as links to connect the chain of such establishments on either side of the mountains.

Our independent sovereignty is certain to induce, by the only other means of access a shower of population, differing in intent; but quite as

opposite to the permanent prosperity of the country. Capital, with her
keen vision, would seek investment here. Our natural resources,
as yet comparatively untouched, would be put in process of
development. The train of capital will follow labor. There
is no section of the whole Union where the attainment of wealth
is easier, or more certain, or the means of its accumulation more
various, than in Oregon. Our wants are manifold. On the Hills
of our National Legislature a State demands and receives, while a
Territory beseeches, and is disappointed.

A State organization, based upon the principles of economy -
guarding against extravagant expenses, high salaries, and excessive
legislation - I am confident would be satisfactory, successful and
prosperous. It is not for me to advise as to the measure
in which you shall present this subject to the people, and yet
I would suggest the mode that will secure the speediest de-
termination as the best.

The election for President of the United States has just transpired,
with more excitement than is usually incident to this quadrennial
occurrence. For the first time in the history of the nation the
candidate of a purely sectional party, powerful in numbers, has
been sought to be elected to power. The consequence of this
was to have been foreseen. The whole nation was convulsed,
and the Union threatened with dissolution in the event
of the success of that party. But, fortunately for the country, the
candidate of the Democratic party has been elected. This party,
the party of progress, from the triumph of its principles in the
successful achievement and application of its measures for the public
good, has become pre-eminent the party of the Union and the
Constitution - the preserver of the Republic.

In conclusion, I assure you that it will afford me pleasure to
co-operate with you, as may be desirable, in the advancement of
the public good. May "He who ruleth all things well" have
you in his holy keeping, blessing your deliberations with harmony,
and, make them promotive of the interests and welfare of
the Territory.

Chief of Census, Oregon Office,
At Salem, December 10th, 1856.

(Signed) Geo. L. Brown

Copy to Capital and

Chief of Census,
Salem, Dec. 10th, 1856.

to the Census and its representatives of Oregon Territory

I, the undersigned, in compliance with the third section of the Law for the erection of the Public Building, have the honor to submit the enclosed report of the disbursements and condition of the funds appropriated by Congress for such purposes.

Balance money paid, as reported on January 15 th 1856		\$4,741.76
On whom paid.		Amount
Date of Cash.	On whom paid.	
Dec. 30 th 1854,	Miss Kimsey	50.00
" 4, 1856,	E. M. Barrum	85.00
" 8, "	A. W. Ferguson	25.00
Balance in my hands.		4,581.76
		<u>\$4,741.76</u>

Respectfully submitted.
(Signed) E. L. Carey

Executive Office.
Salem, December 15th 1856.